



## YOUTH SAILING REPORT FOR THE AGM NOVEMBER 13, 2024

### SUMMER OF 2024

This year we had 8 weeks of Youth Sail. Six weeks were White Sail (younger kids) and the other two were Bronze Sail (Age 14 and/or CANSail II). The weeks were 88% full. Of the 104 spots, 91 were filled. The two weeks encompassing long weekends and our third week July 15-19 were not completely filled.

Each summer provides us with many memories but one I would like to share was truly amazing. We were so impressed with two of our new registrants. With no sailing experience, one achieved his CanSail, CANSail I and CANSail II and his sister received her CanSail and CANSail I. This was accomplished in one week. Amazing.

### REGISTRATIONS

New - 23	3 came for a second week
Repeats - 34	15 came for a second week (includes 4 Bronze level)
	6 came for a third week (includes 2 Bronze level)
	1 came for a fourth week
	1 came for seven weeks (includes Bronze level)

### AGE & SEX

Males - 37	Females - 20
Ages 8 - 6	9 - 7
10 - 6	11 - 17
12 - 8	13 - 8
14 - 5	

### LEVELS (Completed)

CANSail	4
CANSail I	20
CANSail II	13
CANSail III	5
CANSail IV	3 (including Jack)

As you know, Youth Sail Supervisors and Committee Members took on the responsibility of cleaning the club, washrooms, that means washing floors and cleaning toilets, emptying garbage and recycling, etc for the summer. We received many compliments. Thank you for recognizing our hard work.

### BOAT REPORT FROM BRIAN ISAACS

The boats have been stored under the gazebo as agreed. The booms, daggerboards, rudders, sails and life jackets are in the shed and the masts are on the small boat rack.

Five mainsails and jibs are with Nik Lintunen for repair. The base material is starting to fail and I am not sure they will be serviceable. I'm waiting for Nik's input. We have also ordered 3 new sets of Quba sails.

The ribs (Rigid Inflatable Boat) are in the yard. Two are on a rack on the dock and the third is on the trailer. That boat has an elusive leak that needs further investigation.

Bruce Smith has welded the boats (5) that were noted to have leaks. He also did some preventative structural work that has proved useful. His previous welding has been effective. Two boats that have leaks and can not be fixed are slated for the recycle bin this fall.

Some discussion was brought forward by the Executive to store the boats in the vicinity of the garbage enclosure next year. With what we have invested, if that is your decision, a cement pad similar to the one that we poured a couple of years ago in the back will need to be provided with some provision to protect the boats against the weather and road salt.

The trailer that came with the Qubas when we purchased them from Ontario Sail is for sale. If you know of anyone interested in the trailer, please contact me.

I recommend the purchase of two more Zests for 2025.

## **PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR**

Saturday, September 21, saw some Committee Members, parents and kids at the Kingsville Block Party promoting Youth Sailing. We had 10 people very interested in our program and wanted more information. Many brochures were handed out during the evening as well as glow sticks since the theme for the evening was "GLOW". One of our Zests was taken to the event and rigged to draw attention to Youth Sail.

We are again planning for 8 weeks for 2025 including one week for girls only. We are fortunate to have an excellent female instructor, to allow us to do this. Ontario Sailing encourages clubs to host one week for girls. Some feel intimidated with boys and this will allow them to develop a closer bond with sailing and bring out their full potential.

We are fortunate to have the same instructors returning next year. It was a good match again this year for our senior instructors who worked well together. We have two Community Instructors. At least one is interested in a position of added responsibility. As you can see with 3 sailors attaining their CANSail IV, we have others interested in eventually moving up. This was part of our Strategic Plan that we would eventually grow our own instructors.

Our plans for a Junior Program (Membership) have been delayed. Paul was the lead in organizing the Program and since he has resigned, we no longer have the same resources available to us. The Program will not be forgotten and is on our radar.

Our Committee Members for 2025 are Sue Brewin, who stepped down as Treasurer, will be handling promotion and advertising. Judi Lacey who has joined the Committee is taking over from Sue. Brian Isaacs makes sure that boats and motors are well maintained and docks in place. Shelley Lamoureux makes sure we have supervisors to help keep our kids safe and assist instructors when needed. Mike Lippmann has landed us the best instructors and now helps in many other areas including docks. Mike Sealy is Brian's right hand man and the 'E.F. Hutton' on our Committee. Kieran Smith is our head instructor and if you know Kieran you can understand why the kids love him.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN**

Our goals from the original Strategic Plan have been reached and/or surpassed and we are now working on a Strategic Plan to reflect where we are today and where we are heading. Fortunately, Paul is currently assisting with our Strategic Plan along with three members from our Committee (Shelley Lamoureux, Beth Graham and Brian Isaacs).

Once our Plan is completed, we hope to approach businesses in the area, mainly greenhouses, for support. We, in turn, would promote them, by putting their name on the boats, in our brochures, advertising, etc.

## **LASER DRAW**

We want to thank Randy Cyr for donating the Laser boat to Youth Sail. The winner of the draw was Larry Domm. The laser draw did what we were hoping, give us enough money to purchase 4 Uniden two-way radios for the Program. We have always used borrowed radios and we were very appreciative of the offer but were always concerned that we would not give them back in the same condition we received them.

## **DOCK RECONFIGURATION - LAYOUT IN SHARK ALLEY TO ACCOMMODATE THE SMALL BOAT PROGRAM AND THE LASER FLEET**

We, with the support of the Executive, are working to make the following changes to better accommodate the area for the Small Boat Program and the Laser Fleet.

- Remove the "Gallagher" dock at launch this Spring and install one of our floating docks in that area to accommodate the launch system for small boats.
- Turn the present Youth Sail floating docks 90° to allow for room for the installation of the davit for dry sailing/lasers.
- \* A ramp on wheels or step down will have to be installed on the floating dock to allow kids to access the dock safely.

## **CONCLUSION**

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support for Youth Sail. Without your support, the support of the Executive, those Members that supervised and kept the Clubhouse and grounds clean, the endless work that the Youth Sail Committee did and does and the vision and passion that Paul Cairoli had for the program, it would not be the success it is today. We look forward to another successful year and if anyone is interested in getting involved with Youth Sailing, please contact me.

Beth Graham  
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